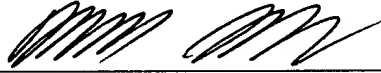




**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – Art Unit 1634
Attorney Docket No. 42778.8013.US01**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>In re the Application of:</p> <p>TSAO, Betty P.</p> <p>Serial No.: 09/909,317</p> <p>Filed: July 18, 2001</p> <p>For: GENETIC MARKER TEST FOR LUPUS</p>	<p>Examiner: Johannsen, Diana B.</p> <p>Group Art Unit: 1634</p> <p>Docket No.: 42778.8013.US01</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited this 17th day of May 2005 with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p> Rena lov</p>
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Madam,

The following is in response to the final Office Action mailed March 18, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on p. 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on p. 6.

Remarks begin on p. 10.

Conclusion begins on p. 12.